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## **KENTUCKY GREEN RIBBON SCHOOL AWARDEES ANNOUNCED**

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – Three public schools have been named Kentucky Green Ribbon Schools, the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) announced today.

This is the first time Kentucky has named Green Ribbon Schools. Kentucky, along with 33 other states and the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Education, is participating in the 2011-12 pilot year for this program.

These three schools will be the state's nominees for the U.S. Department of Education's (USED's) 2012 National Green Ribbon School Award, which will be announced on April 23.

The three winning schools, listed by school district, are:

- Fayette County – Rosa Parks Elementary
- Scott County – Georgetown Middle
- Warren County – Richardsville Elementary

Two other public schools also applied for the award: Christian County's Lacy Elementary and Kenton County's Turkey Foot Middle. Representatives from all five schools will be invited to a recognition ceremony in April.

This award is the first comprehensive recognition of exemplary achievement in environmental impact, health and education. It recognizes schools where staff, students, officials and communities have worked together to produce energy efficient, sustainable and healthy school environments and to ensure the sustainability and environmental literacy of graduates.

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Applications were evaluated in March by a team of representatives from Kentucky agencies and programs dedicated to greener schools. Applications included information based on high achievements or demonstrated improvements in three areas:

1. net zero environmental impact
2. net positive impact on health of students and staff
3. 100 percent of high school graduates environmentally and sustainability literate

More information about USED's Green Ribbon Schools program is available at <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/green-ribbon-schools/index.html>.

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